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1. Mr. Phillip S. Hughes, Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, Bureau of the Budget, called Mr. Houston to ask if the Director were going to testify in the hearings on the Freedom Commission bill scheduled for 17 June by the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Mr. Houston told him the Director expected to be called and would testify if required but that we had not been called and that Mr. Sourwine, Chief Counsel for the Subcommittee, had been advised we did not wish to volunteer testimony. Mr. Sourwine had not indicated any intention of calling the Director. Mr. Houston said the only witness he knew of was C. D. Jackson, who, of course, would not be an official Government witness. Mr. Hughes said he was not aware who would represent the Government but would keep us informed, and Mr. Houston advised we would let Mr. Hughes know if the Director were called.

2. Messrs. Landau and Greenway of the Air Force called to say that Earl Morgan reported that in further talks with Mr. Courtney (see 15 June Journal) the latter had said that Mr. Hebert's office was satisfied with the Air America award. Mr. Landau had earlier talked with Thomas Benderf, Senator Clair Engle's (D., Calif.) administrative assistant, who had stated that Mr. Engle's office was merely interested because Arctic Pacific was a California company and they were satisfied with the determination of the Air Force. Mr. Morgan went to see Mr. VanderZee to ask if Mr. Carter would now consent to the announcement of the award. Mr. VanderZee said that Representative Carter seemed to be accepting the decision but that he had asked the Comptroller General to investigate the matter. Accordingly, Mr. Landau felt we would have to talk with the Comptroller General's office.

3. The Director, Mr. Amory, and Mr. Houston appeared in executive session before the combined CIA Subcommittees of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee. Present were:

Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.), Chairman of Armed Services
Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.), Chairman of Appropriations
Harry Flood Byrd (D., Va.)
Leverett Saltonstall (R., Mass.)
Styles Bridges (R., N.H.)